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SUBJECT: POST-SHIPMENT TRANSACTION CHECK: TOSHIBA

REF: DEPT'S A-8639, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, MR. IMADE, OVERSEAS MATERIALS DIV., HEAD OFFICE OF TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. (TOSHIBA) (DENDEN BLDG., NO. 1-6, UCHISAIWAI-CHO 1-CHOME, CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO), STATED TWO IBM 3340 DISK DRIVES AND FOUR 3348 DATA MODULES MENTIONED IN REPAIR WERE DIRECTLY IMPORTED FROM ICX IN MID-JANUARY 1974 BY SECOND PURCHASE DIV., MATERIALS DEPT, TOSHIBA GINZA OFFICE (TOSHIBA BLDG., NO. 2-1, GINZA 5-CHOME, CHUO-KU, TOKYO -- MOVED TO HEAD OFFICE UNDER NEW NAME OF OVERSEAS MATERIALS DIV., ON NOVEMBER 5, 1974) AND WERE IMMEDIATELY DELIVERED TO TF GROUP (FILE DEVICE R&D GROUP OF T-SERIES DEVELOPMENT DEPT.) OF TOSHIBA OHME WORKS (NO. 9, SUEHIRO-CHO 2-CHOME, OHME CITY, TOKYO -- RENAMED EXTERNAL STORAGE ENGINEERING GROUP -- ESE GROUP), PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT DEPT., ON APRIL 1, 1974.

2. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE VISITED ESE GROUP AT TOSHIBA OHME WORKS ON DECEMBER 11, 1974 AND CONFIRMED THROUGH PHYSICAL INSPECTION THAT THE TWO IBM 3340 DISK DRIVES BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS 20311 AND 20348 AND THE FOUR 3348 DATA MODULES BEARING NUMBERS P0476, P0477, A0088 AND A0089 ARE BEING USED BY ZM ABOVE GROUP FOR R&D PURPOSE AS OF THIS DATE. IN REPLY TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ON-THE-SPOT INQUIRY, MR. FUJIKI OF ESE GROUP STATED: (A) TWO

DISK DRIVES AND FOUR DATA MODULES UNDER INVESTIGATION HAVE CONTINUOUSLY BEEN HELD BY HIS GROUP SINCE THEY WERE DELIVERED TO OHME WORKS BETWEEN JANUARY 16 AND 24, 1974; (B) WHILE OHME WORKS' MAIN LINE IS TO ASSEMBLE ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS, SPECIFIC DRIVES AND MODULES UNDER INVESTIGATION WERE PURCHASED BY HIS GROUP FOR R&D OF TOSHIBA'S OWN MAGNETIC DISKS AND TAPES; AND (C) HIS GROUP HAS NO INTENTION TO LEND OR RESELL THEM OUTSIDE TOSHIBA IN FUTURE.

3. COMMENT: NO SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES OR ATTITUDES OF STAFF WERE OBSERVED BY EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION AT TOSHIBA OHME WORKS. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION CREDIBILITY OF STATEMENTS MADE BY TOSHIBA PEOPLE DURING COURSE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.
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